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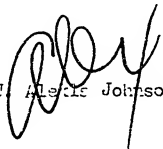
Dear Brom:

I am returning the Contingency Paper, to which I have attached a note on the question of a "state of war". I suggest that this could be added at the end of "Phase III" at the bottom of page 9, or at the end of the paper. I have gone over the note thoroughly with Len Hecker and he entirely concurs. I have also gone over it with Paul Mitze and he also goes along with it.

I see no problem with the other changes in the paper that you have suggested.

I suggest that you may want to reproduce and distribute this for tomorrow's meeting.

Sincerely,

  
U. Alexis Johnson

Enclosures:

As stated.

Mr. Bromley Smith,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

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